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PRIME MINISTER LASHES OUT OVER CORRUPTION

1. (C) According to media reports, in a recent meeting with Council of Representatives (COR) members, Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki acknowledged that corruption was rampant within the GOI. However, he reportedly claimed that corrupt practices were not confined to the executive branch, but were also present in the COR and judiciary. Asserting that "90 percent" of COR members were implicated in corruption,

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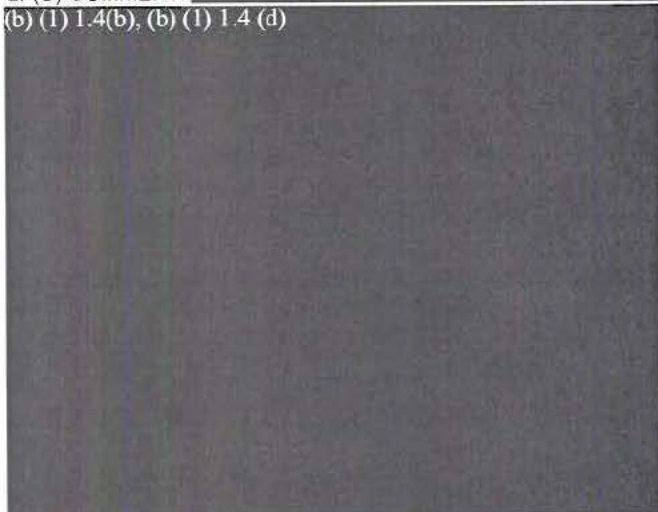
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Al-Maliki stated that anti-corruption investigations by the COR needed to focus on all branches of government, not just the executive. He went on to cite examples of corruption within the COR, e.g., parliamentarians' misuse of their allowance to hire security guards by claiming fictitious personnel on their security contingents and pocketing their salaries.

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impeccable standards of honesty. END COMMENT

#### COR'S INTEGRITY COMMITTEE QUESTIONS UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

3. (SBU) The Prime Minister's warning did not deter the COR's Integrity Committee from questioning Taqi Al-Musawi, president of Baghdad's Mustansiriyah University on corruption issues on July 8. (NOTE: Unlike the former Trade Minister, however, Al-Musawi was questioned only by the Integrity Committee, not the full COR. Moreover, also unlike the former Trade Minister, Al-Musawi was "hosted" rather than "questioned" by the Committee; as explained in ref B, the latter procedure involves potential sanctioning by the COR (e.g. "withdrawal of confidence" vote in the case of a minister), whereas the former does not. END NOTE) Prior to the "hosting" session, a COR member had indicated that Al-Musawi would be questioned about "matters related to administrative and financial corruption in the University." Following the session, the Commission issued a statement indicating that members had raised with Al-Musawi concerns about, inter alia, whether the University had issued procurement tenders in accordance with the law.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORRUPTION AT THE HEALTH MINISTRY

4. ~~(C)~~ In a recent press statement, Health Ministry Inspector General Dr. Adel Muhsin acknowledged corrupt practices by the QGeneral Dr. Adel Muhsin acknowledged corrupt practices by the Health Ministry's office, KIMADIA, responsible for procurement of medicines and other medical items. Muhsin said his office's investigation had revealed that a "large proportion" of the purchase contracts issued by KIMADIA were

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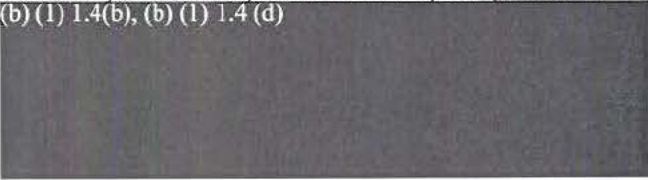
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tainted with corruption, as were many of the Ministry's contracts for construction projects. Muhsin's statement follows a fire last month at the Ministry's headquarters that destroyed numerous documents related to KIMADIA contracts; authorities are investigating allegations that the fire was deliberately set to destroy evidence of corruption. (COMMET: (b) (1) 1.4(b), (b) (1) 1.4 (d))



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